

SENATE RESOLUTION 161

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor Edward Coker upon being named a  
Roane County Founders' Day Celebration  
honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those  
estimable public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished  
themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Edward Coker, who has been named an  
honoree of the Founders' Day Celebration in Roane County in recognition of his many  
contributions as a productive and compassionate citizen of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, born in Harriman on October 1, 1943, Mr. Coker is the son of Verldon and  
Irene Coker; he graduated from Oliver Springs High School in 1964, after which he attended  
Tennessee Technological University for two years; and

WHEREAS, Edward Coker has been married to his sweetheart, Linda Messer Coker, for  
fifty-one years; they have two sons, Scott and Eric; four grandsons; and one granddaughter;  
and

WHEREAS, a top-notch entrepreneur, Mr. Coker spent many years in the trucking and  
coal business and was a partial owner of Walls and Coker Trucking; he has been in the  
hardware business for forty years and owns and operates two hardware stores with his sons,  
and he was one of the original owners and developers of Tri-County Shopping Center in Oliver  
Springs; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in his community, Mr. Coker served on the Oliver  
Springs City Council for four years and the Oliver Springs Planning Commission for thirty years;

he is a former two-term president of the Jaycees in Oliver Springs and a former two-term president of the Oliver Springs Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, a historian at heart, Edward Coker was instrumental in obtaining the building for the Historical Museum in Oliver Springs and has spent many volunteer hours working on the building; he also enjoys traveling to places of historical import; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coker is a devout member of First Baptist Church in Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, having given so much for so many fruitful years to the County of Roane and all his fine neighbors, family, and friends therein, Edward Coker, as an honoree of the Roane County Founders' Day Celebration, becomes the latest shimmering jewel added to the county's chest of treasures; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor the founding of the great County of Roane and cherish the genuine, irreplaceable value that persons such as Mr. Coker bring to the heritage of their communities, their counties, and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Edward Coker upon being named a Roane County Founders' Day Celebration honoree, applaud his dedication and devotion to the people of Roane County, and extend to him our best wishes for all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.